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ABSTRACT

War and violence are part of day-to-day life for many of the world's children. This book explores the lives of the children of Cambodia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and inner-city Chicago. Through research on the psychological and developmental effects of trauma in early life and interviews with children in war zones around the world, the book examines how children cope with war and violence. Noting that while most children can cope with horrible experiences and high levels of stress if they have a secure relationship with parents or effective substitutes, the book points out that they may face lifelong challenges to their mental health, to their physical well-being, and to their moral development. The book's chapters are: (1) "Children and War"; (2) "At What Cost?"; (3) "Cambodian Survivors: Hell Is a Time and Place"; (4) "Mozambique's Children: Dying Is the Easy Part"; (5) "Nicaragua in Conflict: The Politics of Suffering"; (6) "Palestinians in Revolt: Children of the 'Intifada'"; (7) "Chicago: The War Close to Home"; and (8) "Making a Place for Children Who Have No Place To Be a Child." Contains 109 references. (LPP)

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